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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due ("the Notice"), mailed January 31, 2005, Applicants provide the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. This Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance is provided with the issue fee, submitted herewith, as recommended by MPEP § 13.03.

In the Notice, at pages 2-3, the Examiner has made statements in characterization of the disclosures of several references. Applicants respectfully disagree with these statements.

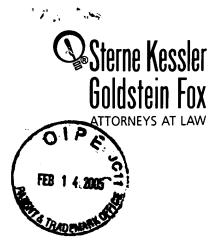
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Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated January 31, 2005, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. SKGF Cover Letter;
- 2. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
- 3. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance;
- 4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1030.00 to cover: \$700.00 Issue Fee for a Small Entity;
 \$300.00 Publication Fee;
 \$ 30.00 Advanced Copies of Patent;
- 5. One (1) postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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Very truly yours,

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